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# By the King.

WHereas at a Parliament holden at Weſtminſter in the fift yeere of King Richard the ſecond, the King defended the paſſage vtterly of all maner of people, aſwell Clearks as others in euery port, and other Towne and place vpon the coaſt of the Sea, vpon paine of forfeiture of all their goods, except onely the Lords and other great men of the Realme, and true and notable Merchants, and the Kings Souldiers; And further prohibited diuers other things vpon paine that the offenders ſhould forfeit, as much as they might forfeit, as by the ſaid Act appeareth: Which Statute was ſeldome or neuer (eſpecially of late) put in execution, for that it was in ſome caſes too rigorous, in others very darke and obſcure, and now, foraſmuch as concerneth the paſſage of the Engliſh Subiects into the kingdome of Scotland, become voyd and extinct in reſpect of the happy Union of both Kingdomes vnder one Soueraigne: His moſt Excellent Maieſtie (preferring alwayes the tranquilitie of his louing Subiects, before ſuch and ſo great aduantage as he might reape by recouery of ſuch penalties) hath not onely ſuffered that particular branch of the Statute aforeſaid to fall to the ground, (the continuation whereof were both vniuſt, and an apparant marke of ſeparation) but hath bene content, beſides that particular clauſe which was included in the Acte paſſed at the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for abolifhing of Hoſtilitie, and the memory of all things that depend thereon, to aſſent (in fauour of the Subiect) to repeale the whole Statute it ſelfe of Richard the ſecond. And yet his Maieſtie (whoſe care doeth euer watch ouer the weale of his Subiects) conſidering that the principall duetie and allegiance of all his Subiects, doeth chiefly conſiſt to attend at all times the ſeruice and defence of their natural Liege Lord, and of their deare and natiue Countrey, with all cheerefull readineſſe and alacritie, either within the Realme, or without, when they ſhall be thereunto required: And foreſeeing in his Princely prouidence and wiſedome what danger (eſpecially in theſe dangerous dayes) might inſue to the whole State, if his Subiects might at their pleaſure paſſe and depart out of this Realme into the Kingdomes, Countreys, Dominions and Territories of forreine Kings, Princes, States and Potentates, hath vpon mature deliberation prouided remedy for the preuention of ſuch miſchiefe as might follow thereupon: And therefore his Maieſty doeth (according to his Maieſties Lawes and the reſolution of his Judges, with whom conſultation hath beene had, and agreeable to diuers Preſidents in the reignes of King Edward the firſt, and King Edward the thirde (two moſt prudent and renowmed Kings) and other of his noble Progenitours before the making of the ſayd late Acte by theſe preſents with the aduice of his Priuie Councell,) ſtraightly prohibite and forbid all maner of perſons being naturall borne Subiects of this Realme, or any of the Dominions of the ſame, of what eſtate or degree ſoeuer they bee, that they or any of them (other then ſuch perſons as were excepted in and by the ſayd Acte, and other then Souldiers, Merchants, Mariners, and their Factors and Apprentices) ſhall not any time hereafter without ſpeciall licence of his Maieſty, or of any foure or more of his Priuie Councell (whereof the Principall Secretary for the time being to be one) paſſe or depart out of this Realme of England, or any of the

dominions of the same, into the Kingdomes, Countreyes, Territories or Dominions of any forreine King, Prince, State, or Potentate, vpon such corporall and other great and heauy paines and penalties as by our Lawes may be inflicted vpon such as shall offend therein, for their so heinous and vnnaturall offences against their naturall Liege Lord and Countrey in that behalfe.

Prouided allwayes, that if any of the persons before excepted, shall after his departure out of this Realme, doe, commit, put in vre, attempt, or assent vnto any Act, deuice, plot, or thing against his most Excellent Maiesty, or any of his Kingdomes or Dominions, or against any of his Lawes or Statutes, that euery such person so offending, shall lose the benefite of the sayd exception, and shall to all intents and purposes be taken and adiudged to bee as one that maliciously and contemptuously passeth or departeth out of this Realme contrary to the tenor and effect of these Presents.

And whereas by errour and vulgar opinion it is conceiued and giuen out by some, That all men at this present be at liberty to transport and carrie out of this Realme any Golde or Siluer in Coyne, Jewels, Bullion, Plate, or Vessell, His Maiestie vnderstanding thereof, caused the Judges of the Realme to be consulted withall in that poynt; who vpon due consideration and conference had amongst them, haue with one consent resolued, that the transportation of all manner of Golde and Siluer in Coyne, Jewels, Bullion, Plate or Vessell is absolutely prohibited and forbidden as well by the Statutes in the twentieth yeere of King Edward the first, in the ninth yeere of King Edward the third, and in the second yeere of King Henry the first, as by diuers other Statutes vpon great and grieuous penalties and forfeitures. Upon signification of which resolution, his most excellent Maiestie, to the intent that none of his louing Subiects through any erroneous conceit or opinion might be deceiued and indammaged, hath in his Princely clemencie caused aswell the sayd resolution of his Judges, as the Statutes themselues to be particularized and published for the safety of his louing Subiects: And further doeth by these Presents straightly charge and command that all the sayd Lawes and Statutes concerning Transportation of Golde or Siluer bee firmely holden, and kept and put in due execution. And doth further prohibit and forbid all and all maner of persons whatsoeuer, to cary or transport out of this Realme any Gold or Siluer in Coyne, Jewels, Bullion, Plate, or Vessell, contrary to any of the said Lawes or Statutes, as they will answere the contrary at their vttermost perill.

Giuen at our Palace of Westminster the ninth day of Iuly, in the fifth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

*God saue the King.*

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